

Did you know

that 73% of 6th graders

and 85% of 8th graders

in Iowa spend at least one to five hours a day unsupervised?



Research abounds that points to the effectiveness of quality afterschool programs to retain the gains kids make in early childhood, keep them safe, and help them bridge to adulthood.

*Iowa Youth Survey, 2006

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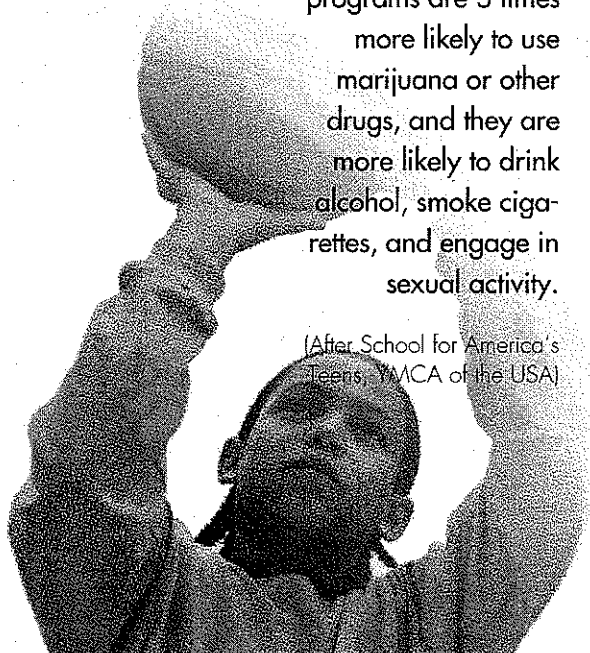
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Afterschool programs keep kids safe

Teens who do not participate in afterschool programs are 3 times more likely to use marijuana or other drugs, and they are more likely to drink alcohol, smoke cigarettes, and engage in sexual activity.

(After School for America's Teens, YMCA of the USA)



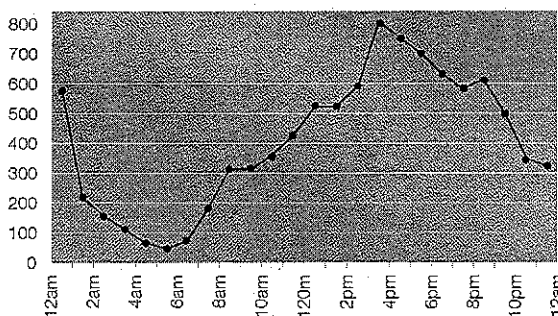
Afterschool programs support student learning

High-quality, school-linked afterschool programs are a proven method for improving academic achievement, decreasing grade retention, and increasing student attendance and interest in school. (Harvard Family Research Project)

A national YMCA study found that 79% of teens enrolled in afterschool programs are A and B students. Teens not enrolled in these programs are 5 times more likely to be D students.

86.6% of afterschool programs in Iowa have activities focused on homework assistance. 65.4% promote academic enrichment activities, and 52.8% offer tutoring. (Iowa Afterschool Program Survey)

Average Number of Juvenile Arrests in Iowa by Time of Day in 2003



Source: Iowa Department of Public Safety's Uniform Crime Reporting System.

Youth who do not spend time in extracurricular activities after school are 37% more likely to become teen parents than are youth who spend time in afterschool programs. The most common time for youth to have sexual intercourse is in the hours between 3pm and 6pm. (The After School Corporation)

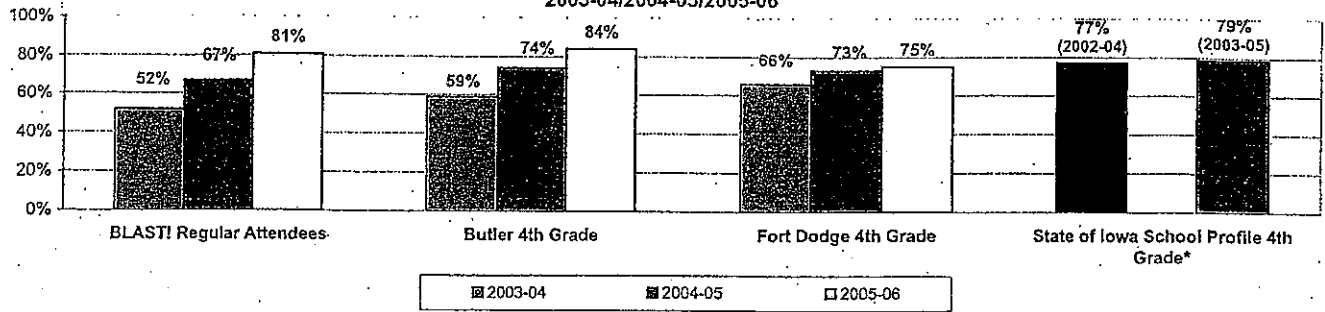
Many police chiefs believe that **after-school and educational childcare programs are the most effective way to reduce juvenile crime**, according to a survey by the Afterschool Alliance.

Afterschool programs help working families

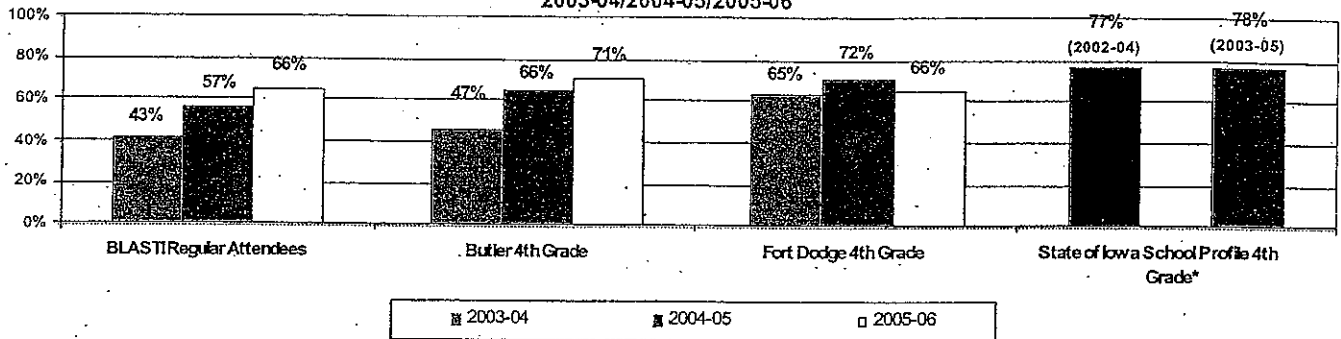
Iowa has the greatest percentage of families in the nation with both (or the only) parents working. (Children's Defense Fund, 2003)

50.4% of Iowa's afterschool programs function on a year-round basis. (Iowa Afterschool Program Survey)

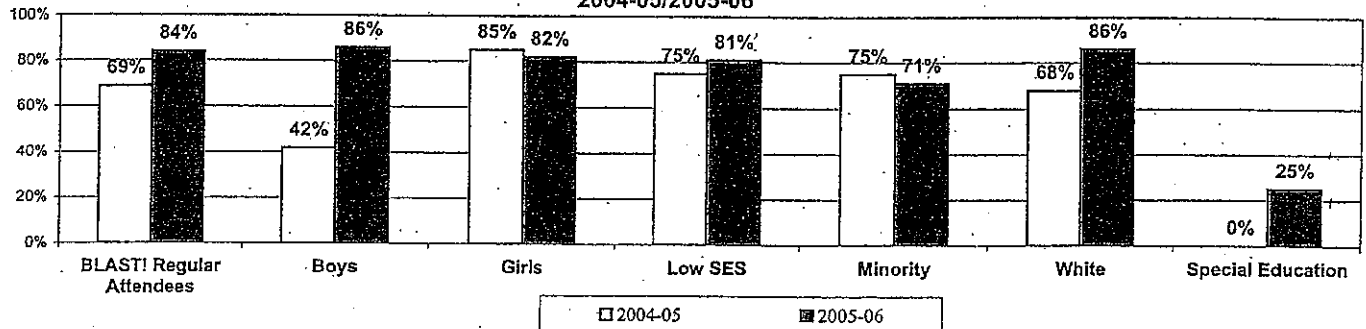
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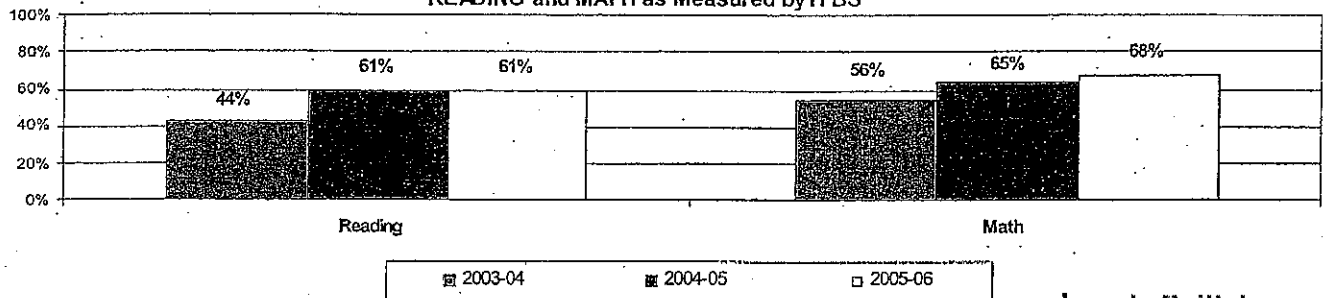
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Percent of BLAST! Regular Attendees in 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Grades Combined Proficient in
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Parent Comments

- "BLAST! has been great for my family. Jeni enjoys the after school activities. I feel relaxed that she's in a safe learning environment. She's learning and having fun at the same time. Keep up the good work, BLAST! staff."
- "With the hours I work, I know my daughter is safe, in a safe environment, and that she is continuing to learn even in the after school hour. And she is having fun doing it."

Kid Zone/Blast

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(21st Century Learning Communities Grant)

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A Bit About Blast

•32% of KMS students (165 out of 516) participated in Blast

•5 students attended Blast on a regular basis

•15 MS staff members assisted in and ran enrichment activities and homework hour

•Teachers noted a marked improvement in grades when students had regular attendance at Blast's homework hour

•Active student involvement! Blast Student Council created, planned, and helped implement new clubs and activities

•13 community partners

•Ann Canida, Blast Site Coordinator, wrote a grant to provide outdoor recreational activities

Kid Zone and Blast Activities

	GW	Haw	L/T	WC	MS	Total
Reading/Literacy	650	1996	350	607	1027	4630
Math	488	1598	365	578	462	3491
Science	126	1003	200	85	253	1667
Fine Arts	638	2234	380	531	232	4015
Sports/Games	955	1244	357	520	404	3480
Technology	580	1342	411	661	618	3612
Comm. Service	363	164	60	79	153	819
Cultural	132	437	152	72	153	946
Health	339	313	280	264	404	1600
Youth Dev.	503	293	122	137	300	1355
Homework	699	1977	372	407	715	4170
Totals	5473	12601	3049	3941	4721	29385

Goals and Objectives of Program

Grant Goal: To create a comprehensive program that provides a safe, drug-free haven for children while involving them in positive, productive activities (educational, recreational, cultural, health, and social services).

Grant Objectives

- 1) To improve student achievement in reading and math by providing before school, after school, Saturday, evening and extended summer school programs focusing on students at risk.
- 2) To serve at least 80% of the K-5 low socioeconomic families.

Program Activities

- Children's extended learning services (before/after school)
- Extended day and summer academic programs
- Expanded library hours
- Telecommunications and technology education programs
- Nutrition and health programs

Program Funding

Funding Source: US Department of Education

Program Name: 21st Century Learning Communities

Total Funding: Approximately \$650,000

Funding Available 2005-2006:

- Federal 21st CLC
- State 21st CLC

Grant Budget By Category

- Personnel: \$454,619
- Fringe Benefits: \$103,000 (IPERS, FICA, LTD, Life, Health)
- Travel: \$12,750
- Equipment: \$0
- Supplies: \$11,805
- Professional Development and Evaluation: \$62,500
- Indirect Costs: \$5326